Vegetables in India from 1983 to 1986 (January to October) is shown in the Statement attached. (See Appendix CXL Annexure No. 49) The prices of vegetables follow a seasonal pattern. The Wholesale Price Index Number of all vegetables combined this year has gone up mainly because of increase in prices of potato and onion. The late blight disease in case of potatoes in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab and insufficient rain in main onion producing belts has caused lesser production of potato and onion respectively and hence the rise in prices. This year disruption in transport system in some producing States also have affected the supply of potato and onion.

(c) to (e) The wholesale and retail trade in vegetables is primarily in the private sector. However, Consumer Cooperatives like Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar, Civil Supplies Corporatiin and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) are supplying vegetables of common use like potatoes and onions through their retail outlets at reasonable prices. The intervention of these public agencies has had a salutary effect in the vegetables market. The market prices are monitored and intervention measures are taken through NAFED as a nodal agency as and when warranted.

Allotment of Plots in Rohini

1180. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the applications for allotment of plots in Rohini were invited by Delhi Development Authority;

(b) what is the total number of applications received and the amount received an advance deposit;

(c) the number of applicants who have so far been allotted plots;

(d) when the plots are proposed to be allotted to the remaining applicants;

(e) whether it has come to the notice of Government that most of the persons to whom plots were allotted in Rohini have sold them out at exorbitant prices through General Power of Attorney; and

(f) if so, what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) From 9th February, 1981 to 25th April, 1981.

(b) From 82,384 received applicants an amount of Rs 22,56,35000/-was received as advance deposit.

(c) 25,445.

(d) Serious efforts are being made to clear the backlok of the registered applicants.

(e) and (f) No such case has come to the notice of the DDA so far. However, all such transactions are unauthorised and illegal.

Storm Water Drains in Pitampura, Delhi

1181. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite various assurances storm water drains have not yet been constructed in Pitampura residential colony by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work of constructing storm Water drains was started some time back and if so, when and what are the reasons for which the work was abandoned; and

(d) what are the blocks where storm water drains have been constructed and by when the work of constructing storm water drains in all the blocks is likely to be started and completed?